



ACQUISITION AND  
TECHNOLOGY

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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY FOR ACQUISITION AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT,  
ASN(RD&A)/ABM  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
(CONTRACTING), SAF/AQC  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
(PROCUREMENT)  
COMMANDER, DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT COMMAND,  
DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

SUBJECT: Extension of Test-Waiver Authority

I am extending the period of the test that delegated additional approval authority for deviations from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and the Defense FAR Supplement (DFARS).

I continue to delegate the authority for you to approve class deviations from the FAR or the DFARS except for: (1) deviations identified in DFARS 201.402(1)(i); or (2) deviations that have a significant effect beyond the internal operating procedures of your department or agency or have a significant cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors, including any deviation that tends to diminish any preference accorded small businesses by the FAR or DFARS. This authority to deviate does not extend to requirements imposed by statute or directives of other agencies, such as the Small Business Administration and the Department of Labor, that have statutory or executive regulatory authority.

This extension is effective through September 30, 1999. Please provide a report describing the deviations authorized under this extension by September 15, 1999.

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Director, Defense Procurement

